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9 July 1958

STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 8 July 1958

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell  
Col. Burke  
Mr. Cunningham



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Mr. Reber



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1. New Space - There was a short review of the new space allotted to DPS off the rear hall of the fifth floor. This acquisition of 1900 odd square feet of contiguous space was considered satisfactory by all. Since it had been decided that DPS must be a restricted area, [redacted] discussed the two places at which an access gate might be positioned: (a) In the back hall, which would be inconvenient for those whose offices are in or near the front of the building, but would have the advantage of permitting the use of the fourth floor receptionist to control the gate, thus obviating the necessity of hiring an additional receptionist; or (b) in the front hall, which would require the hiring of a receptionist. On this basis Mr. Bissell approved placing the gate in the back hall.

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[redacted] thought that with luck we could begin to move on Thursday, 10 July. The only major holdup is the construction of a soundproof wall to divide the new property from the other offices on the fifth floor. [redacted] was advised that overtime should be authorized to speed up this work.

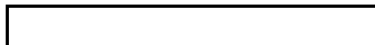
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[redacted] pointed out that re-badging would be required but advised that this could be accomplished within 48 hours.

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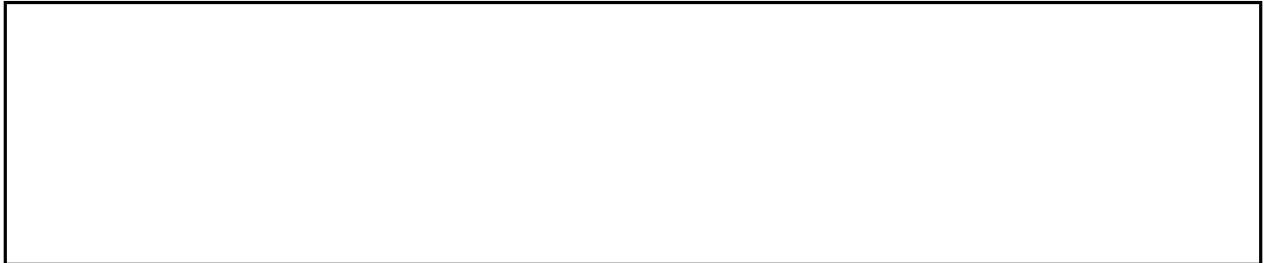
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3. Operational Procedure Paper - Mr. Bissell had dictated a few changes in Operations' draft of this paper, with particular emphasis on notification to the Air Force on a program basis. He noted that the operational procedures paper simply codified what was already standing practice. In their final form, both papers should be seen by staff members.

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4. Emergency Procedures - [ ] noted that he had reviewed the emergency procedures standing on the books and that much of the material was out-dated. He had completed a rewrite on procedures to be followed in the event of a U-2 accident, but had not rewritten the procedures applying in the event of a support aircraft accident.

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[ ] had turned in to Mr. Bissell for review a short procedural paper on channels of communication to CIA in the event of any CIA aircraft accident.

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There was a short discussion of emergency procedures that would apply [ ] were operated from Adana, the major action would be to add to the list of people who must be notified.

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[ ] were operated from [ ] an entirely new problem would arise. Mr. Bissell commented that this latter situation would obviously require [ ]

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ACTION: Messrs. [ ]

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5. T/O Reduction - Col. Burke reviewed his discussions with Mr. Cunningham and [ ] on the possibility of a T/O reduction and commented that no substantial reductions were in sight. Mr. Cunningham noted for the record that the on-board strength of DPS Headquarters is now three persons more than it was two years ago.

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6. Fix for System IV - Several cables had been received and transmitted since the last staff meeting. In this connection, R-W is to transmit as soon as possible certain items [ ] for mailing to Adana.

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ACTION: Messrs. [ ]

SUSPENSE: 15 July

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7. Omni-Directional Navigation System - [ ] stated that Operations was not yet prepared to make a final recommendation on this subject.

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ACTION: [ ]

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8. Sanitization of "T" Material - Mr. Reber pointed out that although sanitization of this material was possible, the fact of over-flight could not be concealed. An initial estimate of the persons who would become knowledgeable in the Navy was 2500, with the possibility of equally staggering numbers in the other two services. Further review between Mr. Reber and [ ] was required. Mr. Bissell commented that the reply of the letter to the DCI from Admiral Burke should be signed by the DCI or at least thoroughly coordinated with him.

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ACTION: Messrs. Reber and [ ]

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10. Support for 461-L - This agenda item was deferred for action outside the staff meeting by Mr. Bissell.

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12. Miscellany

a. There will be a trip made to the West Coast the week of 14 July by Mr. Bissell, [redacted] 25X1A  
[redacted] on matters pertaining to Project [redacted] 25X1A

b. The scientific panel to consider a successor vehicle to the U-2 will meet on 31 July. Mr. Bissell noted that he would be on leave the week preceding 31 July.

c. Mr. Bissell requested Ops, in conjunction with [redacted] to outline the future test schedule at Edwards. He observed that test programs in progress include production flight testing of B camera, System IV and the apparently endless Red Dot program, [redacted] 25X1D

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d. Mr. Bissell asked [ ] to examine the possibility of returning vehicle 348 to SAC as soon as possible unless some urgent need for it existed within CHALICE.

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